

Call for Artists

Geneva Public Library District, Geneva, IL

Issued: January 5th, 2023

Submittals due by: 5:00 p.m., January 26th, 2024

INTRODUCTION

In conjunction with the month-long “One Book, One Community” event, Geneva Public Library will host *You Are Here: A Community Art Exhibit*. This show is a celebration of artists who live and work in our community and will be highlighted among the month-long calendar of “One Book, One Community” events.

BACKGROUND

Geneva Public Library is a vibrant community hub that welcomes more than 200,000 visitors per year. A robust lineup of educational programming is offered at the library and the library serves as a destination for residents and surrounding communities.

The library is also a destination for arts and cultural programming in the city of Geneva. The library’s lobby art gallery brings informative and engaging exhibitions to the community and promotes the work of artists at all ages and stages of their careers, from local students to professional artists.

ENTRY COSTS

Artists may submit up to three (3) pieces for consideration *at no cost*. The number of pieces selected will be based on the total number of submissions received. No more than two (2) pieces per artist will be selected.

EXHIBITION TIMELINE

- Call for Artists issued: January 5, 2024
- Deadline for submissions: January 26, 2024
- Notification of selected artists: January 31, 2024
- Artwork Drop-Off: February 8 & 9, 2024
- Installation: February 9, 2024 (Artwork will be installed by Library staff)
- Artists’ reception: March 7, 2024; 5:30pm

- Show closing: March 10, 2024
- Artwork pick-up: March 11, 2024

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Artists should **email their submissions** to cbaechler@gpld.org by the deadline, January 26, 2024 at 5pm, with subject line “Community Exhibit Submission.” Submissions should be formatted as follows:

- Artist name and location (open to residents of Geneva, Batavia, and St. Charles only)
- Brief artist statement (optional)
- Artist website and/or social media to be included on wall labels (optional)
- Artwork must be formatted attached in the following format:
 - Last Name_Title.jpeg
 - File format: JPEG only
 - File resolution: 72 ppi/dpi (standard web resolution)
 - File size: less than 5.0 MB

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all artists who are residents of Geneva, St. Charles, and Batavia, IL.

SELECTION

Submissions will be evaluated by a dedicated committee comprised of Library staff and community members with a background in creating and curating artwork. Submitted artwork must adhere to the following criteria:

- Artwork in any medium will be considered.
- 2D work must be wired and ready to hang, with no sawtooth hangers.
- 3D pieces must not exceed 23” in width and 16” in height.
- All artworks must be original in concept.
- All artworks must be non-partisan and appropriate for an audience of all ages.

POLICIES

- Artists are responsible for insuring their own artwork.
- GPLD takes every precaution to protect all artwork; however, GPLD will not be responsible for artwork received in damaged condition or in the event of loss or damage to artwork submitted to this exhibit.
- Selected artists agree to allow images of their work to be used in marketing and publicity materials and/or on the GPLD website and social media.
- GPLD has final authority and reserves the right to make exceptions, and to change or cancel the show.

DEADLINE

Submittals are due by **5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024**. Questions can be directed to Chazmin Baechler, at cbaechler@gpld.org.